# **DUNKERTON & TUNLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

(Serving Dunkerton, Tunley and Withyditch)

# 🚍 Speak up for a better Tunley bus service- update August 2025 🚍

**The situation:** As buses only run through Tunley a few times a day and to limited destinations, many residents can't make use of bus travel as much as they would like to.

**The solution:** A more sustainable, regular and reliable bus service could make it easier for you to get around the local area for:



**The barriers:** A better bus service provides many benefits to residents, but it costs money. Access to these funds is held by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and B&NES Council.

### **Overcoming the barriers:**

- Dunkerton and Tunley Parish Council has been asking for better buses to serve Tunley. In recent months it has contacted B&NES council, the West of England Mayor and First Bus to highlight the issues. The parish council has also worked with other local Parish Councils in the area whose residents are having a similar experience (Camerton, Englishcombe, Farmborough, Hallatrow and High Littleton, Priston and Timsbury). The Parish Council continues to push for a more sustainable regular and reliable bus service through Tunley.
- The Forgotten (Cam) Valley Bus Campaign (FVBC) has been tirelessly campaigning for improvements in local bus services for over 7 years. It has proposed a Mendip Express Bus Service that would run from Bath City Centre to Wells via Camerton, Tunley, Timsbury, Farmborough, High Littleton and Hallatrow. In addition, a hopper bus with a circular route through smaller communities such as Priston and Englishcombe. Recently it has been gathering local views on buses via social media, including local village Facebook pages.

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The progress: Local voices are starting to be heard by WECA and B&NES Council.

**768:** A middle of the day fixed timetabled Westlink bus service 768 is being trialled from 31st August 2025. It will run from Writhlington through Tunley to Bath a couple of times a day (see attached timetable)

2V: This service currently runs from Radstock via Old Mills Tesco through Tunley to the Odd Down Park & Ride (see attached timetable)

Overall, the 768 and 2V services may help some residents to use the bus, but with their current timetables only those residents able to travel at certain limited times of the day can benefit from them. Future plans for bus services in the area are being considered, and local community representatives are being asked about what kind of bus services Tunley needs. Tunley residents deserve a much more sustainable, regular and reliable bus service but must make their needs heard!

Your views: Regardless of whether you currently use the bus or not..... if you want more and better buses to run through Tunley, please let us know:

- 1. What you think about local bus services
- 2. What a "fit for purpose" bus service looks like for you.
- 3. If you can support the campaign for better bus services in any way or if you would like more information.

#### Who to contact:

Dunkerton and Tunley Parish Council – For bus service related issues- please email cb.dtcouncil@gmail.com or alternatively contact Martin Robinson on 01761 471134

The Forgotten Valley Bus Campaign- email fvbc2025@gmail.com or facebook : DM CliveTurner



Speak Up for Better Buses in Tunley

Whether you use the bus or not, your voice matters. Help shape a service that works for everyone.

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